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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Preliminary Engineering Report on Repowering of []
[] dated February 1970

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1. I have reviewed the Preliminary Engineering Report. There is little here that permits a RED analysis since most of the material relates solely to building engineering. In general, I concur with [] comments which are attached. I do feel, however, that this is a good opportunity to comment on planning in general.

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2. RED has in different stages of design, development, and fabrication a number of highly sophisticated imagery exploitation systems. Complex electro-optical mechanical systems such as the Stereocomparator are going to become the rule rather than the exception. We currently have in conceptual stages things like the Mid-70 PI Station. It does not take a great deal of imagination to project, in general terms, the impact of such a system upon the Center. It is about time that NPIC took the "bull by the horns" and began making some long range contingency plans. We know this, we are either going to have to move to a new location within the next five years or make some drastic changes to the physical plan of our current environment. The time to perform the necessary analysis, make the required projections, and develop these contingency plans is now, not when the problem is upon us.

3. I realize that this is an area of undefined responsibility since PPBS has the responsibility for planning, SSD has the responsibility for the Building, and RED has the knowledge of the current and predicted state-of-the-art in equipment. Since PPBS has shown no indication of taking the lead in planning, I strongly recommend that we perform some contractual studies, possibly by [] to develop some contingency plans. Once these plans have been developed into a logical approach, they should be turned over to PPBS for budgetary analysis and then to SSD for utilization for planning and/or implementation--whatever the environment will permit. There is a strong possibility that some of these plans may not be utilized, but this is no excuse for not being prepared.

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